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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

THOMAS DANIEL, ET AL. : EXAMINER: METZMAIER

SERIAL NO: 09/831,915 :

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FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

## **RESPONSE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed April 9, 2009, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A Petition to suspend action for the purpose of obtaining additional data is also filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.